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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the White Bluffs-Richland Transmission Line Relocation Project

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to relocate a portion of its White Bluffs-Richland 115-kilovolt transmission line that is currently located in private homeowner backyards of the 1800 block of Stevens and Mahan Drives in Richland, Wash.

BPA plans to relocate its transmission line to the City of Richland's power line located on the east side of Stevens Drive so that both lines would be located within the city's right-of-way. BPA would, after the new line is completed, coordinate with impacted landowners prior to the removal of the existing line and wood poles. Once the poles and transmission line are removed from the backyards, BPA would release the 100-foot right-of-way easement that currently encumbers those properties.

In preparation for the project, BPA is looking at options that would minimize the impacts to the property owners involved. An environmental analysis is being prepared for this project, under the National Environmental Policy Act. Once the analysis is complete and a decision is made to proceed, BPA and the City of Richland will host a neighborhood open house in April 2004 to seek your input, discuss the project including environmental review and schedule, and answer any questions you may have about this project. BPA representatives will also be in your neighborhood on various occasions to facilitate the planning and design of this project.

Line construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in fall 2004 and be completed by spring 2005. The project would impact traffic along Stevens Drive and, at times, restrict or close portions of the street during the daytime period.

In an effort to keep you well informed, a local contact has been established to answer questions. If you have questions about this project, please feel welcome to contact the City of Richland's Chief Electrical Engineer, Wayne Collop at 509-942-7403. Project information is also available on BPA's Transmission Business Line Web site at: <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects>. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Kirk Robinson
Project Manager